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SUBJECT: CROSS-BORDER ACTIVITY AFTER PDRY-SAUDI RAPPROCHEMENT

1. PRINCIPAL STAFF OFFICER OF SULTAN'S ARMED FORCES (PROTEC)
TOLD EMBOFF APRIL 3 THAT SINCE ANNOUNCED SAUDI-PDRY RAPPROACHEMENT
THERE HAVE BEEN ONLY 3 INCIDENTS OF FIRING INTO OMANI TERRITORY
FROM SOUTH YEMEN SIDE OF BORDER. THESE OCCURRED ON MARCH 12,
24, AND 25. IN EACH CASE ABOUT 20-30 KATUSHKA ROCKETS WERE
FIRED AT SIMBA POSITIONS.

2. SAF INTELLIGENCE HAS CONRLUDED THAT ROCKETS WERE FIRED BY
PEOPLES LIBERATION ARMY (PLA) FORCES NOT YET FULLY UNDER CONTROL.
OMANIS ALSO HAVE FIRM INTELLIGENCE INDICATING THAT PLA OPERATIVES
ARE BEING REMOVED TO POSITIONS AROUND AL-GAIDAH. THIS IS CON-
SIDERED GOOD INDICATION THAT PDRY IS ATTEMPTING TO LIVE UP TO
REPORTED TERMS OF SAUDI-PDRY AGREEMENT RE CONTROL OF DISSIDENTS.
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